

REMARKS

On October 8, 1997, Examiner Harry C. Kim imposed a Restriction Requirement in the above case by identifying four groups of patentable species of the claimed invention. These groups were: Group I - Figures 1 through 5; Group II - Figures 6 and 7; Group III - Figures 8 through 10 and Group IV - Figures 11 through 15.

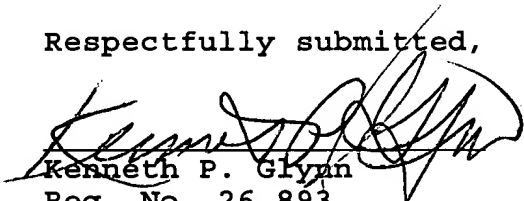
In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicant hereby elects Group I (Figures 1 through 5), without traverse. It is believed that this is embodied by Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 10 and 11 and new Claims 21 and 22. Substantive examination is respectfully requested regarding these claims as it is believed that they are in condition for allowance as presented.

Regarding the drawings, formal drawings have been ordered and will be submitted in response to the next Office Action.

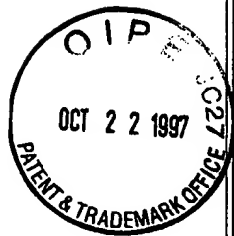
Thank you.

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